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SUBJ: PLANNED AFGHAN WHEAT IMPORTS

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1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN UNABLE TO GET DEFINITIVE SCHEDULE OF PROSPECTIVE WHEAT SHIPMENTS EXPECTED TO TRANSIT KARACHI FROM AFGHAN FOOD PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT. MOSTLY THIS IS DUE TO LACK OF FIRM COMMITMENTS ON PART OF PROSPECTIVE DONORS/VENDORS AS TO WHAT THEY WILL PROVIDE OR SELL, AND WHEN THEY WILL BE READY TO SHIP.

2. AFGHAN PURCHASES OF WHEAT UNDER PL 480 AGREEMENT SIGNED DECEMBER 28 HAVE NOT YET BEEN MADE. (WE EXPECT AFGHAN BUREAUCRATIC DIFFICULTIES TO BE CLEARED UP DURING COMING WEEK.) AFGHANISTAN ALSO PLANS TO MAKE CASH PURCHASES OF AMERICAN WHEAT, SO THAT COMBINED PL 480/COMMERCIALY PURCHASED WHEAT TOTALS 150,000 MT. ASSUMING A MINIMUM TWO-WEEK PROCUREMENT SCHEDULE AND FOUR WEEKS-TRANSIT TO KARACHI, US WHEAT SHOULD BEGIN TO ARRIVE IN LATE FEBRUARY.

3. FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING ADDITIONAL PURCHASES/ACQUISITIONS AND PRECISE SAILING/ARRIVAL
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